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January 21, 2020

### **BY ECF**

The Honorable Edgardo Ramos  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
40 Foley Square  
New York, New York 10007

A competency hearing will be held on March 6, 2020, at 4:00 PM. Defense counsel are directed to submit a letter stating whether they intend to contest the findings concerning their respective client, Almaleh Report dated 11/18/2019 and Iotova Report dated 12/23/2019, by Friday, February 28, 2020.

**Re: *United States v. Issak Almaleh and Antoaneta Iotova*, 17 Cr. 25 (ER)**

Dear Judge Ramos:

The Government respectfully submits this letter to request that the Court schedule a competency hearing for both defendants at a time convenient to the Court on March 2, March 3 (after 1:00 p.m.), or March 6 (except 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.), 2020. The Government has conferred with defense counsel, and they are available at those dates and times.

The Government notes that Speedy Trial time continues to automatically be excluded pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(1)(A) due to the pending determinations of the mental competency of both defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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SO ORDERED.

*Edgardo Ramos*  
Edgardo Ramos, U.S.D.J.  
Dated: 2/19/2020  
New York, New York